



**REQUEST 19739**

Please provide data for the financial year 2024/25. *If 2024/25 data is not yet available, please provide the most recent 12-month period for which data is held.*

**Question 1: Contamination rate**

- a. The contamination rate for household kerbside recycling collections, expressed as a percentage
- b. The total tonnage of household kerbside recycling that was rejected, disposed of, or diverted from recycling due to contamination
- c. (If held) The contamination threshold at which a load is rejected (e.g. if contamination exceeds X%, the load is rejected)
- d. What happens to household kerbside recycling that is rejected due to contamination? E.g. Sent to landfill, incineration/energy from waste, or another disposal route (please state)

**Question 2: Cost of contamination**

- a. The total cost to the council of processing or disposing of contaminated household kerbside recycling for the same period.

*If an exact figure is not available, please provide an estimate and indicate how this was calculated)*

**Question 3: Main contaminants (if recorded)**

- a. (If held) Please provide details of the main types of contamination found in household kerbside recycling collections (for example: food waste, nappies, non-recyclable plastics, textiles, garden waste, glass in incorrect streams, etc.)

**RESPONSE**

1.

- a. The contamination rate for household kerbside recycling collections, expressed as a percentage is 11.76%
- b. The total tonnage of household kerbside recycling that was rejected, disposed of, or diverted from recycling due to contamination is 3519.16 tonnes
- c. There is no % threshold at which a load is rejected – the contamination must be substantial to be rejected.
- d. All sent for incineration/energy from waste

2.

- a. Approximately £352,373.49

3.

- a. Not held

**Question 4: Processing cost differential**

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- a. The cost per tonne to the council for processing or disposing of household kerbside recycling
- b. The cost per tonne to the council for processing or disposing of general household waste

- a. Paper and card (blue) is estimate £3.00pt (in credit) and Dry Mixed Recycling (brown) is estimate £24.00pt
- b. b. General household waste cost estimate £ 145 per tonne.

*If exact figures e.g. gate fees are not available, please provide estimates or typical/average costs*